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innumerable good ideas that we couldn't think that we could afford to spend it for, and I think that it's not a responsible thing for the Legislature to come in as an amendment to add this kind of money based upon the criteria that (a) there's a need, but without generally establishing what that need is in this particular case. We don't know very much about what programs we're talking about. Are there...are there a number of women that have problems with pregnancy? I'm certain that's the case. But we haven't established the need for this particular type program, and I think the thing that establishes its need is the fact there is money there for the program, and I think that's a poor rationale for determining that we should go forward with this program. This is not an issue of pro-life or not. It's an issue of how we should spend our money, and I think that we need to be very circumspect in how we do that, whether it's from cash funds, federal funds, or local General Funds in the state of Nebraska. So please use your judgment in respect to whether a program has been established, whether we think that this is an appropriate way to spend this kind of money. And it's spending all of the money that we've got right now in that particular program, which we think is not an appropriate way to handle it. But, be that as it may, I'm just expressing my opinion and I believe the opinion generally of the committee that this is not the appropriate way to approach the spending of money. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Raikes, the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I would like to support and underscore what Senator Pederson has just said about the Appropriations Committee's work. They considered this issue and decided not to include it in the budget. I guess I have not been convinced at this point that this is something that fits within the narrow focus of what it is we need and ought and must do as a state government, and I think it's particularly undefined, I guess I'll put it that way, in a few key areas at this particular point. My recommendation is to not include it on the General File discussion. That certainly does not foreclose the opportunity for those supporting this notion to revise it according to the discussion